

Appl. No. 10/541,339
Response Dated June 9, 2008
Reply to Office Action of April 9, 2008

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In the Office Action the Examiner has instituted a Restriction Requirement in which the Examiner has taken the position that the application includes claims that are directed to three patentably distinct inventions, including:

Claims 1, 2 and 4-15 (Group I), directed to an aqueous vulcanization adhesive;

Claim 16 (Group II), drawn to a composite of rubber and the adhesive of group I; and

Claim 17 (Group III), drawn to a phenol resin emulsion.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants hereby elect to have the invention of Group II examined in the present application.

As noted above, claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form by incorporating all the limitations of claim 1.

In addition, claims 2 and 4-13 have been rewritten to depend on claim 16.

Accordingly, the claims which read on the composite of rubber and the adhesive of Group I, presently include claims 2, 4-13 and 16.

Entry of the present amendment to the claims and applicants' election in response to the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

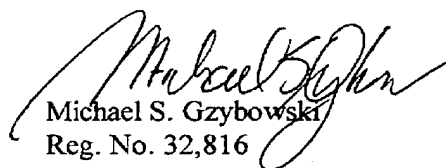
It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Office Action of April 9, 2008.

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If upon consideration of the above, the Examiner should feel that there remains outstanding issues in the present application that could be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' patent counsel at the telephone number given below to discuss such issues.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 12-2136 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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